

Introduced by Senator McGuire

February 27, 2015

An act relating to medical marijuana.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 643, as introduced, McGuire. Medical marijuana.

Existing law, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, an initiative measure enacted by the voters at the November 6, 1996, statewide general election, authorizes the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Existing law enacted by the Legislature, commonly referred to as the Medical Marijuana Program Act, requires the establishment of a program for the issuance of identification cards to qualified patients so that they may lawfully use marijuana for medical purposes, and requires the establishment of guidelines for the lawful cultivation of marijuana grown for medical use.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would, among other things, reaffirm and clarify aspects of the Medical Marijuana Program Act, regulate the cultivation of medical marijuana, and authorize and appropriate adequate funding for the Board of Equalization to undertake a study, as specified, in order to make recommendations on the best way to levy and collect fees to regulate the cultivation and sale of medical marijuana.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would do all of the following:

- 1 (1) Protect the residents of California, private property, public
2 lands, and waterways from trespass cultivation of medical
3 marijuana.
- 4 (2) Reaffirm and clarify aspects of the Medical Marijuana
5 Program Act.
- 6 (3) Regulate the cultivation of medical marijuana and authorize
7 the collection of fees.
- 8 (4) Authorize and appropriate adequate funding for the Board
9 of Equalization to undertake a study of the results of legislation
10 recently passed in Colorado and the State of Washington in order
11 to make recommendations on the best way to levy and collect fees
12 to regulate the cultivation and sale of medical marijuana.
- 13 (5) Authorize the creation of appellations of origin for medical
14 marijuana cultivated in California.